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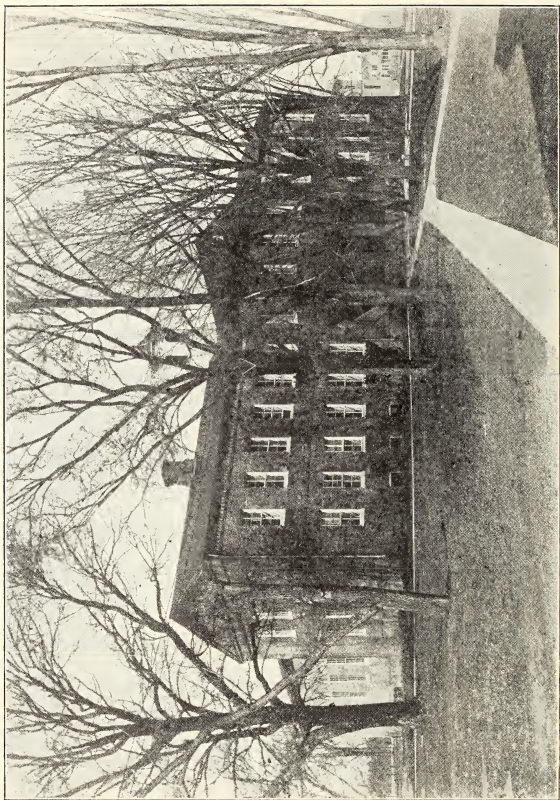
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**THE OUTLOOK FOR THE COLLEGE.**

HE COLLEGE of William and Mary enters upon its two hundred and fourteenth session with the brightest prospects that it has ever known. The faculty has been notably strengthened, the curriculum has been further developed, the equipment of the College has been improved, and the student-body bids fair to be the largest in the history of the institution.

Nowhere are the rapid advances of the College more apparent than in the scientific work. Four years ago all the science that was given was under the direction of one professor; whereas now there are separate chairs of Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and Manual Arts and Drawing; besides assistants in each department. Formerly one lecture-room only was devoted to science, while now there is a large, well-equipped Science Hall in which to carry on the work. Other additions which have been made to the teaching force of the College within the same interval are assistant professorships in Classical and Modern Languages, American History and Politics, English, Philosophy and Education and Mathematics, to which may be further added several instructorships.

The new members of the faculty are Professor H. C. Bennett, of the Chair of Philosophy and Education; and Professor Will

Keeble, of the new department of Physics. Mr. George O. Ferguson, Jr., is the assistant professor in Philosophy and Education, and Mr. John Tyler, the assistant in Mathematics. Mr. F. M. Crawford is the physical director of the College and assistant in Drawing and Manual Arts.

The new library will be begun at once, and it is hoped that the athletic field, which is already under way, will be completed by the spring.

With such increased facilities and with all faculty and student activities moving forward vigorously and harmoniously, surely the outlook for William and Mary is full of brightness and hope.

### OUR NEEDS.

While William and Mary is in a more prosperous condition than at any previous time in her history—with the largest enrollment and more available funds, yet, there are improvements that are desired which would add materially to her usefulness. We should like to see developments along the following lines: First, an Assembly Hall, to cost about \$30,000; Second, Endowment for the Chair of History, to be called the Washington Chair of History—\$40,000; Endowment for the Chair of Education, to be called the Jefferson Chair of Education—\$40,000; Endowment for the Chair of Civics and Politics, to be called the Monroe Chair of Civics and Politics—\$40,000; Endowment for the Chair of Law, to be called the Marshall Chair of Law—\$40,000; A Chair of Agriculture, carrying a salary of \$2,000. Do not these objects appeal to the friends of the institution, and the lovers of education everywhere? Let some generous friend come forth and start these improvements by endowing one of the chairs and helping to build up the old College, which should be so dear to every lover of American institutions.

### PHI BETA KAPPA CONVENTION.

The Phi Beta Kappa Society, which was founded at William and Mary, December 5, 1776, met in convention at the mother institution, September 11th and 12th, 1907. About 150 delegates and senators, representing some of the greatest universities of the country, were in attendance.

An open session of the society was held in the College chapel on the night of the 11th. Colonel William Lamb presided, and introduced Dr. Tyler, who made the address of welcome. Rev. O. M. Vorhees made an address on "Our Phi Beta Kappa Fathers in Fraternity and Public Life." This was followed by a poem, read by Dr. Hall, of William and Mary College. The exercises of the evening were concluded with an oration by Professor E. A. Grosvenor, LL. D., of Amherst College, Massachusetts.

At the business meeting held on the 12th, charters were granted to the following institutions: The University of Virginia, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, Wesleyan University, Iowa College, Franklin and Marshall College and Oberlin College.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing term: President, Professor E. A. Grosvenor, LL. D.; Vice-President, Hon. J. J. McCook, LL. D., of New York; Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees, M. A., of High Bridge, N. J.; Colonel William Lamb, of Norfolk, was signally honored in being elected senator for life, which honor has been given to only one man before.

The following men have been elected by the William and Mary Chapter, and will be initiated at the next annual celebration: Rev. R. R. Claiborne, Joseph H. Chitwood, Harry A. Hunt, E. Stanley Brinkley, Hawes T. Davies, W. Arthur Maddox, C. Irving Carey, Edward D. Jones, J. Gordon Bohannon—all titled graduates of the College. These were elected from the young alumni.

The election to Phi Beta Kappa is regarded as a very high honor among the William and Mary students.

Among the older men elected, but never yet initiated are: Colonel Archer Anderson, Hon. A. J. Montague, J. Garland Pollard, Wyndham R. Meredith, Professor S. C. Mitchell, President E. A. Alderman, Judge Walter A. Watson, Professor F. V. N. Painter, Judge Lunsford L. Lewis, Judge Daniel Grinnan, Hon. John W. Daniel, all of whom have accepted the election as a high honor.

The recent meeting here was a brilliant literary and social affair. The original records of Phi Beta Kappa attracted universal attention, and the copy of the charter to Harvard was almost



as much noticed. The burning question was the meaning of the letters S. P., the full words having been originally written out and afterwards carefully erased. The address of Professor Grosvenor was an elaborate exegesis on this subject. Dean Birge, of the University of Wisconsin, staid over to make an exhaustive study of the records, and will probably publish his opinion.

The reception of September 11th, in the gymnasium, was a brilliant social affair, many of the Williamsburg ladies taking part with the College ladies in entertaining the visitors.

### WORK IN ABSENTIA.

Having had numerous requests for permission to do work *in Absentia*, the faculty, in December, 1906, adopted the following in order to accommodate all who may desire such work:

FIRST. The equivalent of one year's work entitling the candidate to thirty credits, may be done *in absentia* as follows:

A. The character and quantity of the work to be done in a given subject, together with text-books, collateral reading and investigations, shall be determined by the professor in charge of said subject.

B. The quality of the work done shall be determined:

(1) By test examinations (written) at the close of each semester, or term, the questions for which shall be sent to the candidate for his own coaching or self-test; however, no College credit shall be allowed for such examinations.

(2) By a final personal examination (written and oral), conducted by the professor under whose direction the work shall have been done, not later than the tenth day prior to the day on which the desired degree may be conferred.

C. The fee for examinations shall be \$1.50 per credit value of the subject.

SECONDLY. These regulations shall apply only to those candidates who shall have done the equivalent of three years' work (90 credits) in residence at this College, or another of equal rank, at least one year of which, however, shall have been done in this College.



## BUREAU OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

Because of the great activity in educational work and the consequent expansion of the school system in Virginia, and because of the growing appreciation of the professionally trained teacher, it is becoming increasingly difficult for the College of William and Mary to supply all the demands made on her for teachers. We realize that among our former students there are men ideally equipped for some of the positions now vacant, but so many William and Mary men are now engaged in educational work that it has become a matter of considerable difficulty for the College to keep in close touch with former students. It has, therefore, seemed advisable to establish at the College a Bureau of Recommendations.

This Bureau is not a teachers' agency. It is conducted by a committee of the faculty and no fee is charged. It enrolls only students and ex-students of the College of William and Mary and operates only in the State of Virginia.

The purpose of the Bureau is to assist the school authorities of Virginia in procuring teachers and to help William and Mary men to find those positions in our educational system which their ability and training fit them to hold. We especially desire to assist those of our former students, who, by reason of local conditions, have not met with the advancement in their profession that their training and success have merited. They are much more valuable in the schools of the State now than they were at the time of their graduation, and we wish them to receive such recognition that they will remain in the profession.

The Bureau offers its services to students and ex-students of the College of William and Mary and to school officials throughout the State. For further information, address H. L. Bridges, Secretary, Bureau of Recommendations, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

## LYMAN BROWN WHARTON.

A gloom was cast over the College by the death, on May 30, 1907, of Professor Lyman Brown Wharton, D. D., for many years a professor in William and Mary.

Dr. Wharton was born in Bedford county, Va., February 23,

1831, his parents being descendants of an old English family; the Virginia branch of which, according to family tradition, emigrated to America to escape persecution at the hands of the Roundheads. His mother being of Puritan descent, he represented a blending of the best qualities of Cavalier and Puritan. From early boyhood, Dr. Wharton was fond of books, and received his early education at home from his mother. In 1850 he entered the University of Virginia, where he remained two sessions, devoting himself assiduously to the study of ancient and modern languages.

After teaching for a few years, he entered the Virginia Theological Seminary to prepare himself for the ministry, and was ordained by Bishop Johns in 1859. His first parish was in Charlotte county, Va., where he served until he entered the Confederate Army as chaplain of the Fifty-ninth Virginia Regiment. At the close of the war he accepted a call to Abingdon, Va.

Following his schorarly instincts and his ambition to become a man of letters, he, in 1870, accepted a chair in the College of William and Mary, where he remained until 1881, when the College was forced to close its doors for want of funds. When the College opened in 1888 with the help of the State, Dr. Wharton was elected to the Chair of Latin, Greek, French and German. In 1893 he was relieved of the last named languages and made professor of Latin, which place he held until his retirement in 1906, as professor emeritus. He was the first professor of William and Mary College to enjoy the honor of being placed on the Carnegie Foundation.

Dr. Wharton was a member of the Masonic Order and was chaplain of his lodge. He was also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, which has a distinguished chapter at this institution.

#### NEW PROFESSORS AND INSTRUCTORS.

WILLIAM HOUSTON KEEBLE was born in Bank, East Tennessee, May 9, 1873. His preparatory education and the first two years of his college training he received in Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. In September, 1901, he entered the University of Tennessee, and was graduatd from that institution in 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. After teaching two

years in the high schools of Montgomery, Ala., he entered the University of Chicago in 1906, and there spent nearly two years in the study of physics. On the 16th of last July he was elected Professor of Physics in William and Mary College. On the 20th of last August, Mr. Keeble married Miss Nell McSpadden, of New Market, Tenn.

Mr. Henry Eastman Bennett was born in Buffalo, N. Y., and moved to Florida while a small child. He is thirty-five years of age. He was educated at the Florida Agricultural College, the Peabody Normal College, and the University of Chicago, receiving the L. I. degree at Peabody and A. B. from Chicago. He has also done graduate work at the last-named institution.

Mr. Bennett began teaching as principal of the village school of his home town, Okahumpka, Florida, in 1892, and has been in some form of educational work ever since. Upon his return from Peabody, in 1896, he was made principal of the Fernandina High School. He was called from this place, at the end of the first term, to teach the higher classes in Latin and Mathematics in the Florida State Normal School, at DeFuniak Springs. In 1900 he was appointed assistant to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Florida, and three years later was returned to DeFuniak Springs as principal of the State Normal School. In 1905 all the State institutions of Florida were abolished by the Legislature, and Mr. Bennett was elected Dean of the Normal Department of the newly-established University of the State of Florida. Owing to financial difficulties of the Board, the Normal Department was sustained for only one year, and Mr. Bennett spent last year at the University of Chicago.

For two years Mr. Bennett edited "The Southern School and Home," an educational magazine published at Tallahassee. He was the author of the plan and law for the High and Graded School System of Florida, the first State-aid system in the South; member of the commission to establish the State Course of Study; editor and co-author of Brevard and Bennett's History and Government of Florida, the standard school history of that State; Summer Institute instructor for several years, and has otherwise been variously identified with most educational movements of his

time and sections. In July, 1907, he was elected to the Chair of Education in William and Mary.

GEORGE OSCAR FERGUSON, JR. Born at Leesburg, Va., November 16, 1885. Entered William and Mary in 1902. Received L. I. Degree in 1905. In 1905-06 took graduate course in education at University of Virginia, and taught in the public schools of Albemarle county, Va. Attended William and Mary in 1906-07 and received degree of B. A. In July, 1907, he was elected as assistant professor in the Department of Education.

### HONORARY DEGREES.

It is a rule of the College to confer no honorary degree except that of Doctor of Laws, and the number of persons so honored in any one year shall not exceed two. At the commencement in June last the degree of LL. D. was conferred upon Philip Alexander Bruce, of Virginia, and George Clinton Batcheller, of New York.

Dr. Bruce was born at Staunton Hill, Charlotte county, Va., March 7, 1856, and is a scion of a distinguished Virginia family. He studied at the University of Virginia and at the Harvard University, and afterwards devoted himself to the pursuit of literature. For several years he was one of the editors of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and corresponding secretary of the Virginia Historical Society. In 1898 he resigned the latter position, and for nine years has devoted himself to the exclusive study of Virginia history, spending most of his time in Europe. From time to time he has published numerous valuable books, the most important being: *The Plantation Negro as a Freeman*, 1888; *Economic History of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century*, 1895; *Short History of the United States*, 1903; *Social Life of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century*, 1907. Dr. Bruce is a patient student and delver in old manuscripts, but he is not a mere plodder. His brilliant mind and eloquent pen render his books standard works which will be read and remembered many years to come. Dr. Bruce is expected to be present at the College to receive his diploma at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Library Building some time in November next.

George Clinton Batcheller, the second honored name, was born at Grafton, Massachusetts, September 27, 1834, and is the son of Moses Leland and Sarah Ann Phillips Batcheller, both of extended Colonial ancestry. He was educated at the Grafton Grammar School and the Barre, Vermont, Academy, and engaged with great success in manufacturing. He has many business enterprises, and his factory at Bridgeport, Conn., alone employs one thousand hands. And yet, though a man of large affairs, Dr. Batcheller is a devoted student and lover of books. He has travelled a great deal and read extensively. He has collected a large library, which contains many first editions and valuable art collections, including portraits of George and Martha Washington, painted by Sharpless at Mount Vernon in 1796. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, a director of the New England Society, charter member of the Society of the Patriots and Founders of America, member of the Sons of the American Revolution, author of the Batcheller Genealogy, and various other works. In his recent donation of \$10,000 to the College Library, he has given a practical evidence of his interest in literature and the arts. In his private character he is a pleasant and instructive companion, charitable in his views, and broad in his generosity. He, too, is expected to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the new Library Building.

#### DEGREES AND SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT THE CLOSE OF SESSION, 1906-7.

##### MASTERS OF ARTS.

Robert B. Dade,	John Tyler,
John B. Terrell,	William R. Wrigglesworth.

##### BACHELORS OF ARTS.

Archer L. Blackwell,	James F. Jones,
John H. Bowen,	Luther C. Lindsley,
Charles C. Durkee,	Grover T. Somers,
George O. Ferguson,	Herbert H. Young.
John T. Ellis,	John Tyler,
Alfred T. Hope,	

## LICENTIATES OF INSTRUCTION.

Clifton I. Bumpass,	Robert F. Terrell,
Harry G. Carter,	Micajah O. Townsend,
Henry R. Eubank,	John C. Rogers,
Paul S. Gilliam,	Hugh L. Womack,
Stephen A. McDonald,	

## SCHOLARSHIPS.

*Soutter Scholarship*—C. C. Snow.  
*Graves Scholarship*—H. H. Fletcher.  
*Corcoran Scholarship*—R. M. Perkins.  
*Chancellor Scholarship*—G. A. B. Dovell.  
*Philo Bennett Scholarship*—Duncan McRae.

## AMONG THE ALUMNI.

The William and Mary Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition is under the care of two old students of the College—Messrs. H. E. D. Wilson and A. H. Foreman—who attend the exhibit on alternate days. Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Foreman received the Bachelor of Law degree at the University of Virginia last June, and they are practicing their profession together under the firm name of Wilson and Foreman, in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Cassius M. Chichester, A. B., '02, was also among the law graduates of the University of Virginia last June. Mr. Chichester is assistant in the law department of the same university this session.

Mr. Jos. H. Chitwood, A. B., B. L., of Rocky Mount, Va., is the Democratic nominee for the State Legislature for his county.

*The Virginia Journal of Education*, the first issue of which has just made its appearance, is under the editorial management of a William and Mary man in the person of Dr. J. A. C. Chandler. Dr. Chandler, after receiving his bachelor degree, attended Johns Hopkins University, where he earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Mercer College, Georgia, sustained a decided loss this session, when Dr. O. P. Chitwood, A. B. of William and Mary, and Ph. D. of Johns Hopkins, resigned the professorship of history to accept a similar position at the University of West Virginia.

The beauties and advantages of the "Wild and Woolly West" are being vigorously upheld by Rev. J. M. White, student 1888. Jacob has entered upon the work of converting the heathen in Western Texas and New Mexico, and, although there is no rain in that country to help him in his regenerating efforts, he says it is the finest country in the world, and his advice is "Go West, Young Man."











